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Letter from Edward Whitney, Belmont, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1870 December 12

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Dec 13th [1870]

Dear Ann

Mr Manning here
told me this morning that his
mother rec^d a letter, yesterday
from Florence, & that you
were well & getting on well
which the folks at home will
be glad to hear — You don't
keep us very well posted
of your progress — ~~The~~ ~~Ex~~

The English Cable has been
out & the French has so much
business, that it ch^g double price
& it takes several days to transmit
a message — We may soon be
~~without~~ telegraphic communi-
cation, with Europe

Yr Edward

Belmont Dec. 12. 1870

As Sarah sends a letter tomorrow,
I will add a Christmas greeting
to you, dear Anne, which you
may share with Addie & her
good Aunt. We have had
nothing but your despatch from
Queens town to inform us of
your progress, but suppose
your letter from London must
have been lost — We trust
all is well with you & that
you are by this time comfort-
ably located in Rome, which
under the new reign, is likely
to change its character somewhat.
It was good to receive the

comforting assurance of your
successful passage across the
stormy Atlantic, which has proved
treacherous to so many during
the last few months - The perils
of the sea as well as the havoc
of war have caused heartaches
that cannot soon be healed -

We are anticipating the arrival
of Mrs. Brigham in a few
weeks to brighten our saddened
homes - We are all in our
usual health except mother who
has not quite recovered her usual
vigor since her sudden prostration.

Father was quite amazed the
other day on learning that Mr.
Fuller (Mr. Flint's father) intended
to journey to St. Louis alone -

He is as old as mother & never
calls himself very well, when
one inquires about his health,
but he was persistent in believing
he could take care of himself, &
left here last Tuesday morning,
only allowing Mr. Flint to see
him safely on board the train
for New York - where he expected
to take a Palace Car & go right
through to St. Louis - Fortunately
Mr. Flint found some friends
who were going as far as Phil^a &
who relieved their anxiety some-
what - I hope they have heard of
his safe arrival - Christmas comes
on Sunday this year - it is our
day at mother's, but we hope to
have our usual family gathering
here the next day - So think of us -
Yours lovingly "Carrie"